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C L A I M S

1. A biologically-degradable or bio-soluble glass fiber composition, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 2.1;
 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
 - $(\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$: higher than 18;
 - 10 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.
- 15 2. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - 20 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 2.1;
 - CaO : 6 to 9;
 - MgO : 0 to 5;
 - $(\text{Na}_2\text{O}+\text{K}_2\text{O})$: higher than 18;
 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - 25 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.
- 30 3. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 2.1;
 - 35 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
 - Na_2O : higher than 17.5, lower than or equal

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- to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 2;
 - B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
 - 5 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
 - Others: less than 2.

4. The composition as claimed in anyone of the preceding
 10 claims, characterized in that it comprises the following
 components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 2.1;
- CaO : 6 to 9;
- 15 - MgO : 0 to 5;
- Na_2O : higher than 17.5, lower than or equal
to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 2;
- B_2O_3 : 4 to 15;
- 20 - P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

25 5. The composition as claimed in claim 4, characterized
 in that it comprises the following components expressed
 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.80;
- 30 - $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- 35 - SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;

- Others: less than 2.

6. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- 10 - K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- $(\text{B}_2\text{O}_3+\text{P}_2\text{O}_5)$: higher than 5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

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7. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- 20 - Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : higher than 5;
- 25 - P_2O_5 : 0 to less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

30 8. The composition as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- 35 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;

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- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : higher than 5.5;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- 5 - Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

9. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- 15 - K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : less than 5;
- P_2O_5 : 0.75 to 1.5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- 20 - Others: less than 2.

10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- 25 - SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- 30 - B_2O_3 : less than 4.5;
- P_2O_5 : 0.75 to 1.5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

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11. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized

in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- 5 - $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- 10 - SO_3 : 0.1 to 0,5;
- Fe_2O_3 : 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

12. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.1 to 1.25;
- $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- 20 - Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : 0 to 5;
- SO_3 : 0 to 1;
- 25 - Fe_2O_3 : 0.05 to 0.2;
- Others: less than 2.

13. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.6 to 1.8;
- $(\text{CaO}+\text{MgO})$: higher than 9;
- MgO : higher than 3;
- 35 - MgO : preferably higher than 3.50;
- Na_2O : 17.50 to 18.50;

- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : less than 0.35;
- 5 - Fe_2O_3 : higher than zero;
- Others: less than 2.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed
10 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.6 to 1.8;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- (Na_2O+K_2O) : higher than or equal to 18.5 and
15 lower than or equal to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0.1 to 0.25;
- 20 - Fe_2O_3 : higher than 0;
- Others: less than 2.

15. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed
25 in percent by weight:

- SiO_2 : 61 to 66;
- Al_2O_3 : 1.6 to 1.8;
- $(CaO+MgO)$: higher than 9;
- MgO : higher than 3;
- 30 - MgO : preferably higher than 3.50;
- (Na_2O+K_2O) : higher than or equal to 18.5 and
lower than or equal to 23;
- K_2O : 0.6 to 1.5;
- B_2O_3 : 5 to 15;
- 35 - P_2O_5 : less than 0.1;
- SO_3 : 0.1 to 0.25;

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- Fe_2O_3 : higher than 0;
- Others: less than 2.

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